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Addendum

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017
(*Item 3 (a)*)

Report of the Secretary-General on consolidated changes to the biennial programme plan as reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017

Introduction

1. At its 14th meeting, on 12 June 2015, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered the report of the Secretary-General on consolidated changes to the biennial programme plan as reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 and proposals to improve the implementation of results-based budgeting (A/70/80).

2. Representatives of the Secretary-General introduced the report and responded to queries raised during its consideration by the Committee.

Discussion

3. Delegations sought clarification on whether the biennial programme plans in the proposed programme budget fascicles for the biennium 2016-2017 were identical to those contained in the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2016-2017, as published in A/69/6/Rev.1. http://undocs.org/A/69/6/Rev.1.

4. A delegation queried whether the changes reflected in Chapter I of the report of the Secretary-General were taken into account in the proposed programme budget fascicles for programme 8, Least developed countries, landlocked developing

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countries and small island developing States; programme 19, Economic and social development in Western Asia; and programme 25, Management and support services.

5. Several delegations requested that supplementary information be provided to facilitate the work of the Committee by clearly indicating a comparison between the approved biennial programme plan for the period 2016-2017 and the proposed revisions for the three programmes concerned.

6. Regarding programme 25, Management and support services, a delegation indicated in particular that the Board of Auditors had raised many issues and made recommendations related to information and communications technology and would want to review whether those had been taken into account in the revisions. In addition, a delegation sought clarification concerning the human resources component in the approved biennial programme plan and in the present revisions.

7. Regarding programme 4, Peacekeeping operations, the delegation of Pakistan stated that it attached great importance to the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan and underlined that it was committed to extending moral political and diplomatic support to the people of Indian-occupied Kashmir so that they could achieve their right to self-determination.

Conclusions and recommendations

8. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly continue to request the Secretary-General to ensure that programme managers further improve the formulation of objectives, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement in order to allow for better evaluation of results.**

9. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to continue to ensure that the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement be directly and clearly linked to the objectives of the programmes and, in accordance with the different nature of the activities of the programmes, take into account rules 104.7 (a) and 105.4 (a) of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation.**

10. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly also request the Secretary-General to ensure that expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and objectives be defined, bearing in mind the direct link between inputs and outputs, and that inputs be commensurate with the needs of programmes, taking into consideration the international character of the United Nations, the purposes of its Charter and its legislative mandates, as well as the fact that the objectives of the Organization may not be realized in one biennial cycle only.**

11. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly further request the Secretary-General to ensure that expected accomplishments and, where possible, indicators of achievement measure achievements in the implementation of the programmes of the Organization and not those of individual Member States.**

12. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to develop, on a continuous basis, and implement an adequate training programme to ensure that staff, as appropriate, are proficient in the concepts and techniques, including the formulation of, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement.**